

WANTS TO RIP UP BROADWAY.

McDONALD SAYS THE BROOKLYN TUNNEL WILL TAKE 10 YEARS.

Parsons Voted Proposed Digging and Tunneling Versus Digging—Dispute Over \$100,000 Mr. Belmont Wants.

Contractor John B. McDonald is balking against the clause in the Brooklyn extension contract which provides that the subway in lower Broadway shall be so built as not to interfere with traffic in the day time.

Comptroller Grout had put a question at yesterday's meeting of the Rapid Transit Board as to the progress which had been made on the Brooklyn tunnel. President Orr was explaining that the indications were that the Joralemon street excavation would not be finished within the promised time when Mr. McDonald remarked:

"And I want to say that there is no work being done on the section between Ann street and Bowling Green amounting to a row of pins. That section wouldn't be finished in ten years unless the restrictions that have been placed upon us are removed. We are anxious to begin work on Broadway in six or seven different places, but we can't get the permit from the Chief Engineer."

"What are these restrictions? Do you mean that you can't get permission to disturb the surface of the roadway?" asked Comptroller Grout.

"That's it, sir," replied the contractor. "There is a difference of opinion between the contractor and the Chief Engineer. The contractor is willing to build the road with as little inconvenience as possible to the public and he has the tools and machinery ready and he should be at work, but he is not allowed to go to work."

Mr. McDonald said that he ought to be allowed to open up one side of the street one block at a time and that unless he could do so he could not finish the work on contract time.

"You must interfere with traffic in some way if you want this tunnel built," he said. "There are so many pipes and mains under Broadway that you would have to use so much timber to support them that the men couldn't work."

"Mr. McDonald is under contract to do this work by a prescribed method," Mr. Parsons said. "I shall be only too glad if he will proceed with it in accordance with his contract."

Mr. Parsons went on to read the provisions which stipulate that the contractor shall not obstruct traffic on Broadway, and that whatever digging of the surface is required shall be done at night.

The contract also provides that the contractor shall fill in the excavations at the end of each day, and that the contractor shall use the same method of excavation as was used in the three sections. The only statement he has made is that he will dig the north of Fulton street, and a permit has been issued for that part of the work, which has been begun with success. If the contractor complies with the terms of his agreement I will issue the necessary permits to him, but his suggestion for the opening of the street and the consequent blocking of traffic will never receive my approval."

"Well, I want you to understand," Mr. McDonald retorted, addressing the commissioners, "that the contractors will not be responsible for the delay. Mr. Parsons has to have a plan to tunnel under Broadway, but I don't think he will follow it. We have got all our machinery ready, and we have got 1,500 feet of steel work in Jersey City ready to put down. Let us do the work as we want and there will not be much interference with the street. Look at the Forty-second street, about which there has been so much discussion. We began work there a few days ago and had to blast out the sidewalk to the concrete foundations of the car tracks and to-day there is not more than a few days work left to be done."

Mr. Orr, evidently to throw oil on troubled waters, began: "I think if you two gentlemen got together you might—but he was interrupted by Mr. McDonald, who exclaimed:

"No, this is not a matter for discussion between the Chief Engineer and me. Graining his hat he was about to leave the room when Mr. Grout called to him to ask if it was really feasible to construct the tunnel in such a way that the roadway would not be blocked."

"I think the proper way is to take up a part of the street," Mr. McDonald answered. "Some one has got to be annoyed if you want rapid transit in Broadway. I believe in working and I have made any impression on your board I am glad of it."

He turned on his heel and strode from the room. It was learned after the meeting that the commissioners will support Mr. Parsons. Earlier in the day Mr. Parsons had a conference with the sub-contractors and it is understood that the informed him that they were willing and able to carry out their work under the conditions described in the contract.

The cost of constructing the Brooklyn extension has been estimated by Mr. Parsons at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The Belmont-McDonald company got the contract by offering to do the construction work for \$2,000,000. A \$750,000 contract was awarded yesterday after the meeting of the commission that it was surmised that Mr. McDonald and his colleagues were dissatisfied with their contract, because of the large additional expense of building the subway by the tunneling system and the extra cost of night labor, and that the construction company was endeavoring to obtain some modification of the terms.

Mr. Belmont wrote yesterday to the commissioners that he had been informed that in case pipe galleries were constructed in the new tunnel there would be danger of explosions from gas leaks, and that until it could be proved to him that there was no possibility of an explosion he could not give serious heed to Borough President Cantor's suggestion that pipe galleries be put in.

Mr. Belmont informed the commissioners that he had purchased two blocks of property in the neighborhood of 16th street and Seventh avenue for terminal purposes

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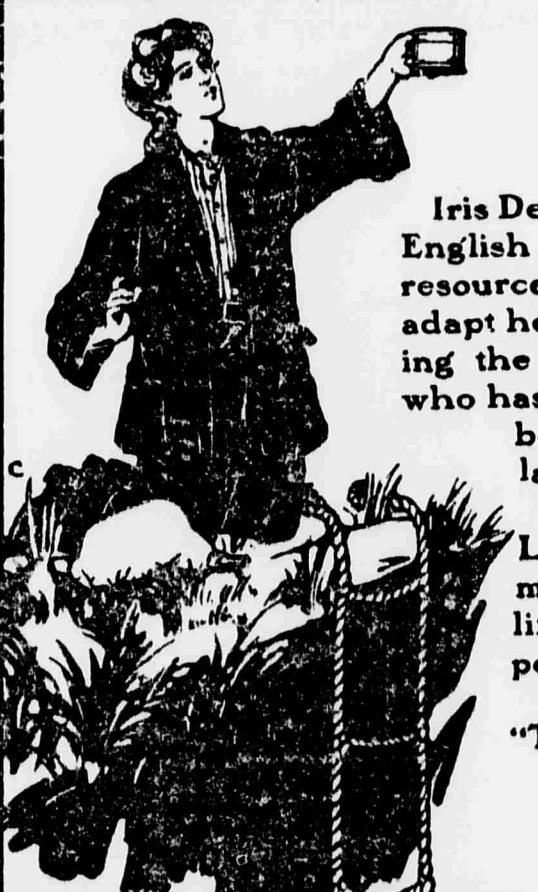
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